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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 05793.3059-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Eric S. LANCASTER et al.) Group Art Unit: 2164
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Application No.: 09/881,743) Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: June 18, 2001) Confirmation No.: 8764
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
PROVIDING FINANCIAL)
PRODUCTS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

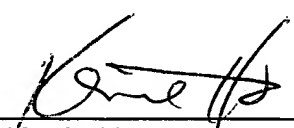
According to our records, the Office has not issued any communications for the above identified application since the mailing of a Notice of Publication of Application, dated December 19, 2002. This application has been pending for over 48 months.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned representative respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 27, 2005

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